

**Weekly Status & Information Report:  
Week of January 9, 2006**

1. **Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration:** City TV staff will be videotaping the City's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration tonight at Takoma Park Middle School at 7:00pm. *(City TV)*
2. **Other City TV News:** The communications office has sent a media advisory regarding the naming of Daryl Braithwaite as public works director as well as posting to this information to the City's website. Be sure to catch the January edition of snapshots which includes segments on gang prevention, the City of Takoma Park Community Center dedication, and the City's annual Halloween events. Communications Office staff put a link on the City web site to the new Takoma Park Alert system as presented to Council on Monday January 9. *(City TV)*
3. **Vacuum Leaf Collection:** Public Works will be dismantling our leaf collection equipment as of Friday, January 13. After-action report to be discussed with the Council on January 23. (Citywide) *(Public Works)*
4. **Repair & Painting of BY Morrison Facility:** The interior ceiling and exterior of the building at the intersection of Ethan Allen and Carroll Avenues was power washed, the stucco damage was repaired and the facility was repainted. There is still some tile damage that needs to be repaired. Reviewing options and cost for tile replacement. *(Public Works)*
5. **Municipal Building and Library Exterior Lights Repaired:** All parking lot lights and exterior building lights have been returned to working order. *(Public Works)*
6. **Fourth Quarter & 2005 Totals for Tree Permit Applications:** Please see attached .PDF file from the City Arborist. *(Public Works)*
7. **Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team:** Lt. Cipperly and Diana Dean, victim/witness assistant, attended the first meeting of the county Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team. This interdisciplinary unit was established under new state law to review domestic violence fatalities and near-fatal assault to review adjudicated events and make recommendations for policy improvements that might prevent similar future tragedies. *(Police)*
8. **Officers in Meetings (All Wards):** Detectives attended the monthly burglary meeting at the US Attorney's office in D.C. sharing information regarding incidents in D.C. and Maryland. COP team members attended the Old Town Business Association and the CDA meeting. (Wards 2 & 6). *(Police)*
9. **Officers in Training:** Sgt. Bowers and Cpl. Cannatella attended Colt Armorers training related to recently acquired firearms for the Department. *(Police)*
10. **Traffic Enforcement:** Half of the traffic stops have taken place on major roadways including University Blvd., New Hampshire, Piney Branch, and Hwy. 410. More than 20 stops occurred on small residential streets. *(Police)*

11. **Wizards in Christmas:** On December 26, the outreach division of the Recreation Department took 12 kids to a Christmas party hosted by Gilbert Arenas of the Washington Wizards. For the third year in a row, kids had a chance to meet and talk with a professional athlete. Each child received a gift and a gift card worth 50 dollars. This year the Takoma Park group won a contest that netted them tickets to the next home game. Two lucky kids won an autographed bookbag and the other won an official autographed jersey. *(Recreation)*

12. **Festival of Winter Lights:** Twenty nine seniors once again returned to Seneca Creek State Park to enjoy the Festival of Winter Lights. We viewed 380 illuminated displays and 60 animated displays. The Recreation Department has a van that holds eleven adult people comfortably so to accommodate eighteen more seniors we rented a bus. On the return trip, we stopped for a break and light snack. Great evening! *(Recreation)*

13. **Smoking Cessation Classes:** The Recreation Department has joined forces with Adventist Health Care Prevention and Wellness to offer a Freedom From Smoking Class at the Community Center. The class started last Tuesday, but does have a few more openings if anyone is interested in joining. *(Recreation)*

14. **Fencing Class:** On Tuesday, January, 17th the Recreation Department's Fencing Class will start in the Gymnasium of the Piney Branch Elementary School at 5:30p.m. While the class has a good attendance there is always room for a few more participants. *(Recreation)*

<b>Fourth Quarter and 2005 Totals for Tree Permit Applications</b>		
	<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>2005 Total</b>
Applications	54	285
Permits (# of Trees)	35	172
Waivers (# of Trees)	30	153
Emergency Waivers (# of Trees)	8	22
Denials (# of Trees)	0	27
Tree Protection Plans	9	36

*(City Arborist)*